

Manufacturing Innovation Fund Advisory Board

May Meeting Minutes

Department of Economic and Community Development

May 12, 2016

9:00AM-10:30 AM

505 Hudson Street

Hartford, Connecticut

Attendance

- Board Members: Commissioner Catherine Smith Colin Cooper, Don Balducci, Beverlee Dacey, Chris DiPentima
- Board Members via Phone: Danny Di PERNA, John Harrity
- Quorum: Yes
- Stakeholders: Elliot Ginsberg, Jennifer Herz, Bernice Zampano, Tracey Ariel, Eleanor Lennon, Todd Berch, Deputy Commissioner Kurt Wesby, Kathy Marioni, Tom Maloney, Bonnie DelConte, Jeff Smith,
- Stakeholders via Phone: Bryan Garcia, Mun Choi
- Guests: David Tuttle, Pratt Technical High School; Scott Zito, Platt Technical High School
- DECD Staff: Carmen Molina-Rios, Barbara Fernandez, Toni Karnes

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Chair Commissioner Catherine H. Smith at 9:00 am.

1. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Smith welcomed the board to the meeting and introductions were made.
2. **Approval of March 10th minutes** – Beverlee Dacey moved to accept the March meeting minutes. Don Balducci seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **State Budget & Legislation** – Catherine Smith gave an overview of the state budget process. She stated that there were no new takes and that there were major cuts to the state budget. She noted that SB1 would be taking money from MAA over the next 5 years to fund innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives.
4. **Strategy Session Follow-up** – After some discussion, Catherine and Barbara gave an overview of the Strategy Session. Barbara thanked the team and stated that John Harrity would handle Workforce Development and Beverlee would handle the High School

marketing efforts. The board was also advised that Todd and Beverlee would lead the website design efforts.

Catherine advised the board that Toni Karnes was charged with working with Deloitte to identify the skills needs for the target areas. David Tuttle offered that DOL had already had a survey of targeted area businesses done and offered to share the information that they obtained. Beverlee asked that a timeline for a plan of action be developed.

5. **IMCP Update** – Catherine provided an update and overview of the Washington visit. Catherine stressed the need for board participation. She noted that we need to show off what we are doing. After some discussion, the board was advised of the schedule of the visit.

6. **Incumbent Worker Training** – Bernice Zampano gave an overview of the program's progress thus far. Barbara stressed the satisfaction that most training is done on site.

Catherine stated that no vote is needed for additional \$1.5 million IWT Program. After additional discussion, Catherine asked that the board identify if there is any overlap on the Voucher Program, IWT Programs and Apprenticeship.

7. David Tuttle from DOL gave a background on the **Platt proposal**. Subsequent discussion had Beverlee stating that the companies needed to put up 50% of the cost per student. Catherine agreed. Catherine moved that the Platt proposal be accepted. Colin seconded. Beverlee asked that the amount be reduced to \$41,000 to omit admin. The board agreed. Motion passes.
8. **Dream it Do It** – Catherine provided a background on cuts to meet the state's budget obligations. Barbara provided clarity on need to move funding to MIF of \$60,000. Colin asked would this happen again in subsequent General Fund year needs. Elliot Ginsberg provided additional background on the need. Motion was called to support by Chris DiPentima and John Harrity seconded motion. Beverlee Dacey abstained. Motion passed.
9. **High Rate Additive MFG** - Tom Maloney of CCAT provided an overview of the need for High Rate Additive technology. After some discussion, Danny suggested that that UCONN, CCAT and Pratt come to a board so that it can understand the process.
10. **Other Business** – After some discussion regarding IMCP, suggestion for additions to June meeting and given the amount of budget cuts which require the need for increased leveraging of funds, Chris moved that the meeting be adjourned. Colin seconded and the meeting was closed at 10:40.